

# **Las aves migratorias son emisarias de amistad entre continentes y ecosistemas diversos**



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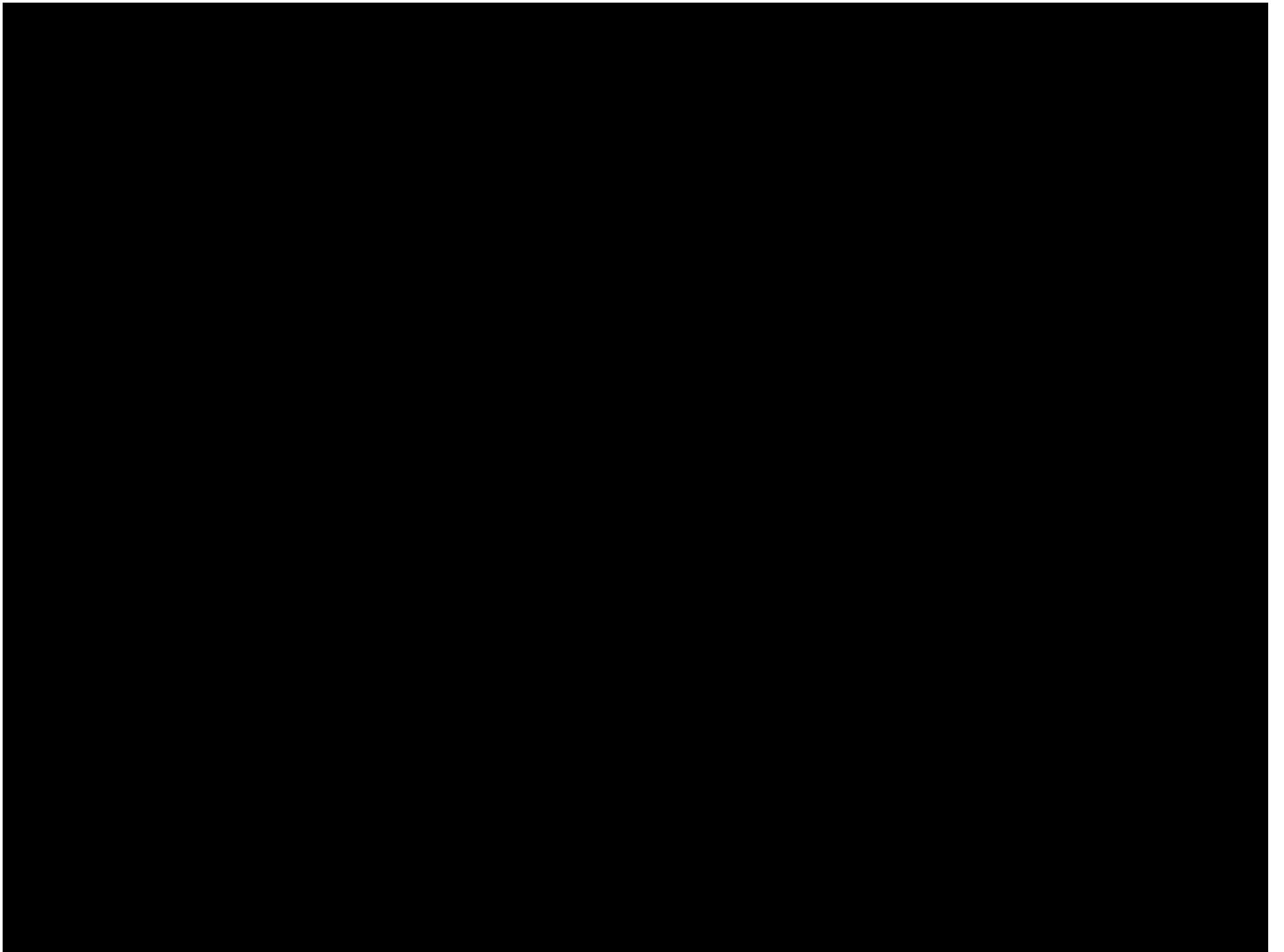




**What we do  
now will  
create the  
conditions in  
which our  
descendents  
find this  
species**



**Lo que hacemos  
ahora crea las  
condiciones en  
que encuentran  
nuestros  
descendientes a  
estas especies**



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We come to the table  
wearing our agencies, committed  
to bring back a warbler  
*Dendroica cerulea*  
from the presumed spiral of its demise,

to conjure significant landscape —  
the arching hardwood canopy  
of sunlight, shadow, and space  
that gifts this bird its green canyons  
from which to plummet unannounced  
like a fragment of heaven  
into a waif body barely weaned  
left homeless on the forest floor.

When you cradle this lost creature in your arms,  
when you look into the receding blue of its eyes,  
you understand  
that there is not much time left,  
that every act of wonder and caring  
must count.



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Perhaps only three hundred thousand pairs of wings  
are left  
to carry the sky across continents  
and inspire gestures of benevolence  
on their behalf.

We prune the forest just so,  
adjust a net or balance an equation,  
arrange a meeting in another language,  
search the dense foliage  
or listen for the ascending song  
that promises  
that these birds will remain *our* guardians  
as we adjust *our* course  
from the edge of helplessness  
toward the center of faithful action.



– Tom Will  
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